# The Story of a Sinful Giver and a Silent Receiver

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## Chapter 1: The Reward for Helping the Needy

## The Parable of the Sinner and the Devout Worshipper.

**The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) narrated that Allah the Almighty said:**

**Among the people before you was a sinful man who, after finishing his meal, used to brush his dining cloth onto a heap of refuse.**

**On that heap lived a devout worshipper who, upon finding any crumbs or grains, would eat them.**
**He continued this practice consistently. After some time, the sinful man passed away, and Allah admitted him to Hell due to his sins.**

**The Devout Worshipper's Life in the Wilderness:**

**Subsequently, the worshipper retreated to the forest, surviving on grass and leaves. After a period, this devout man also died.**

**Allah then inquired of him:**

**Allah:**

**"Did anyone ever do you any good?"**

**Worshipper:**

**"No, my Lord."**

**Allah:**

**"From where did you sustain yourself?" — though Allah was already fully aware of the truth.**

**Worshipper:**

**"I used to go to that heap where I would find pieces of bread, grains, or bones, which I would eat.**
**When You caused the death of the chief of that town, I moved to the forest and lived off its leaves and water."**

**Divine Justice and Mercy:**

**Allah then commanded that the sinful chief be taken out of the fire.**

**The worshipper brought him forth and said:**
**Worshipper:**

**"My Lord, this is the very man whose dining scraps and bones I used to eat."**

**Allah:**

**"Take his hand and admit him to Paradise, for the kindness he showed to you.**

**Had he known he was doing this for you, I would never have admitted him to the fire."**